



March 23, 2009

Gary Philp, Sheriff
Humboldt County
826 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Sheriff Philp:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of our initial support - in concept - for your 2008 Law Enforcement Grant.

BRC has reviewed this grant and questions if the requested \$176,000+ dollars is commensurate with, or on scale to, other grants submitted by the BLM Arcata Field Office and the Six Rivers National Forest. BRC appreciates and understands the important role the Sheriff's Office has as either first responder to an accident or by enforcing OHV laws in Humboldt County. However, BRC believes any law enforcement grant has to be in scale to the amount of legal OHV opportunity in the patrol area.

Based on a review of other county-based law enforcement grants in areas with similar legal OHV opportunity, BRC believes the Humboldt County grant should be in the range of \$80,000 to \$110,000 dollars unless there are special circumstances supporting a larger amount. However, BRC will rely on our local representative, Dennis Mayo, for a specific dollar amount supported by our organization.

BRC believes the collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and federal land management agencies should be commended. BRC thanks the Sheriff's Office and Humboldt County for their continued commitment to managed OHV recreation.

Sincerely,

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